

Remarks

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration and further examination are requested.

The specification has been reviewed and revised to make a number of editorial revisions. A substitute specification has been prepared and is submitted herewith. No new matter has been added. Enclosed is a marked-up copy of the specification indicating the changes incorporated therein.

Claims 7 and 10 have been amended so as to correct minor typographical errors. Further, claim 11 has been amended so as to change its dependency from claim 7 to claim 10. It is apparent that this change of dependency is to correct a typographical error because if claim 11 is dependent from claim 7, claim 11 would not be further limiting since claim 11 would be indirectly dependent from claim 2 which recites the same feature as claim 11.

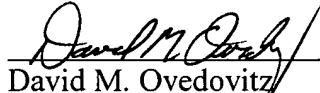
Claims 1-5, 8 and 10 have been rejected under the judicially create doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-12 of Sawamura (US 6,495,855). Claims 6, 7 and 11-17 have been rejected under the judicially create doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-12 of Sawamura in view of Ukeda (US 6,346,736). Claim 9 has been rejected under the judicially create doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-12 of Sawamura in view of Boden, Jr. (US 6,452,230). Claim 18 has been rejected under the judicially create doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-12 of Sawamura in view of Ukeda and Boden, Jr. A Terminal Disclaimer is filed concurrently herewith, which overcomes these rejections.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that there are issues remaining which must be resolved before allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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